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Hobbs & Clovis, New Mexico, Bring Christmas Cheer To Children In Need

One by one, children shuffled through the line, meeting their designated volunteer and setting off on a journey most kids dream about.

These youngsters were inside the Clovis, New Mexico, K-Mart store, equipped with a $125 budget and given free reign to shop as they wished.

The event was a part of the annual Christmas Shopping Spree held by Hobbs Eagles #3189 and Clovis #3245 to benefit area children in need.

In Hobbs, I was paired with 10-year-old David. David was full of energy and headed straight to the toy aisle, picking through a variety of toys related to the popular video game "Minecraft."

With each new item placed inside our cart, David kept a running total of his remaining budget and upon discovering he had a surplus left after grabbing his desired items, he ran off to the toy car aisle, grabbing a few packs of Hot Wheels cars for his little brother.

We purchased David's items, then waited in line along with him and the other children who had finished.

The kids laughed, smiled, showed off their toys and offered the clearest view of what it really means to be an Eagle.

Their enthusiasm for the spree and the generosity shown to them by these Eagles was evident throughout

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Fraternal Order of Eagles Welcomes New Aerie and Two New Auxiliaries

On Dec. 10, 2016, the Fraternal Order of Eagles officially welcomed Coastal Alabama Eagles #4549 in Gulf Shores, Ala., to our ranks.

Terry and Katie Kipp served as the respective organizers for the Aerie and the Auxiliary.

Membership Director Vince Kinman was the Instituting Deputy for the Aerie on Dec. 10, while Grand Madam President Judy Johnson served as the Instituting Deputy for the Auxiliary on Jan. 15.

The Aerie had 86 charter applicants, while the Auxiliary had 76 and in total, 95 new members joined the organization as a result of the Kipp's efforts to organize Coastal Alabama #4549.

On August 28, 2016, Wilkeson, Wash., Auxiliary #1409 was instituted by Deputy Linda Knowles, thanks to the hard work of organizer Linda Youmans. Wilkeson had 84 charter members including 62 new members who were initiated at Institution.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles would like to thank Terry and Katie Kipp and Linda Youmans, as well as all of the new Brothers and Sisters in Gulf Shores, Alabama, and Wilkeson, Washington, who have joined our great organization.

We wish you the best of luck as you move forward and we encourage members all over the jurisdiction to join these great organizers in helping our ranks grow!

Convention Corner

2017 International Convention
Amway Grand Hotel & DeVos Place Convention Center
Grand Rapids, Michigan
July 17-20

Hotels (mention the Eagles when booking):

Amway Grand (Main Hotel)	**$105/night**	**1-800-253-3590**
Courtyard Marriott	**$105/night**	**1-877-901-6632**
JW Marriott	**$115/night**	**1-877-901-6632**

Hotel guests receive free garage parking and a rate of $15/night for valet.

Program Book

•The Program Book form for the 2017 Convention is now available on the Convention page at www.foe.com. Early bird pricing is available until March 31. Regular pricing is in effect from April 1-30. The inclusion of ads sent in after April 30 is not guaranteed will be subject to deadlines assigned to the Grand Aerie by the outside printing company.

Classes

•Once again, the Grand Aerie is proud to offer a variety of great instructional classes on topics including membership, officer training, marketing, the Member Management System (MMS), New Aeries/Auxiliaries, finances, compliance, and more. Please visit foe.com to see a full list of courses for this year's Convention. Please note times and rooms are subject to change.

As always, please visit us on the Convention page at www.foe.com for the most up-to-date Convention information. We look forward to seeing you in Grand Rapids!

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Top Producers/ New Leaders

for December 2016

Aerie:

1. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ	38
2. #2580 Winamac, IN	36
3. #2118 Findlay, OH	32
4. #486 Coeur d'Alene, ID	31
5. #4034 Perryville, MO	30
5. #4508 Mesa, AZ	30

Auxiliary:

1. #811 Wooster, OH	57
2. #3957 Cape Coral, FL	23
3. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ	21
4. #1406 Hanover, PA	16
5. #925 Grand Haven, MI	15
5. #3242 Burlington, WA	15

Aerie (Individual):

1. Bonnie Kline Bellefonte, PA #4320	20
2. Steve Girton Winamac, IN #2580	19
2. Alan Brayfield Bloomington, IL #527	19
4. Robert Schmidt Mesa, AZ #4508	17
5. John M. King Medford, OR #2093	15
5. Kim Smith Jeannette, PA #844	15

Auxiliary (Individual):

1. Roxanne Hall Wooster, OH #811	33
2. Catherine Miller Kokomo, IN #255	13
3. Judith Laughman Hanover, PA #1406	11
4. Christine Miller Wellington, OH #2051	10
5. Kristi Kral (#2469)	9
5. Thea Ariz (#3324)	9
5. Phyllis Ryder (#3957)	9

We Are People Helping People

California

Through its 5th Annual January Coat Drive, Mountain View Eagles #2356 collected 105 warm coats to be donated to the Day Worker Center in Mountain View. The Aerie also donated $950 to the PAL of Mountain View through its Monday Night Dinners program.

Idaho

Treasure Valley Eagles #3803 in Payette, ID, presented a $5,000 grant to the Killebrew Miracle League Field to support facilities and programs. Special needs children from Idaho and Oregon have come to the field to play over the last two years at no expense to their families. Payette is the hometown of baseball Hall of Famer Harmon Killebrew.

Kentucky

Derby City Aerie #2173 recently welcomed Grand Worthy President Jerry L. Sullivan. Sullivan helped present a $5,000 grant to Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS). Sullivan is pictured presenting the grant to VIPS Director of Development Heather Benson.

Michigan

Midland Eagle Riders #2110 raised $4,170.56 during their 11th Annual Luv Ride For Kids with Cancer. The check was presented to Cancer Society and Camp Centaur.

Minnesota

-Mankato, Minn., Eagles #269 held its 16th Annual Bite-A-Burger fundraiser in support of the fight against cancer. The Eagles sold hamburgers with a side of tater tots for $6 from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. The groups sold nearly 3,000 burgers with all proceeds going to the Andreas Cancer Center in Mankato.

-The Minnesota Fraternal Order of Eagles' Fifth District recently held its 63rd Annual Eagles Cancer Telethon with broadcast partner KTTC, raising $972,183 to benefit the Mayo Clinic, The Hormel Institute and the University of Minnesota for cancer research. The telethon, which is the longest locally run telethon in the US, has raised approximately $16 million since its inception.

Ohio

-Hilde-Floyd Eagles Auxiliary #1224 made the holiday season brighter for a group of local organizations. Through their Caring for Kids campaign, the Auxiliary donated a combined total of $3,500 to Clinton County Youth Council, Harvest of Gold, Heather's Hope, Kids & Company, Kinship Care, Stepping Stones Ranch and Stillwater Stables. Throughout the year, the Auxiliary hosts a variety of fundraisers earmarked for the campaign including the annual Car & Bike Show, various raffles, 50/50 drawings and more. "We are always thrilled to be able to make these donations at the end of the year to our local organizations" said Auxiliary President Christie Siders. "Our goal is to target groups that have to provide their own funding. Year after year, they all tell us how thankful they are that we keep them on our radar. We are more than happy to have the ability to help."

-Tiffin Eagles #402 donated $2,500 to Community Hospice Care to help terminally ill patients during the end stages of life.

Illinois

Illinois State Auxiliary President Juanita Shamhart of Decatur #507 recently presented a $5,000 grant to Cancer Care Specialist of Illinois in Decatur. Shamhart selected the program as her state project for the 2016-17 fraternal year. The funds will be used to support cancer-related activities and programs in Central and Southern Illinois. Pictured are medical oncologist Perry Guaglianone, Illinois State Madam President Juanita Shamhart, medical oncologist Benjamin Esparaz and patient services coordinator Kelly Zerfowski.

Pennsylvania

-Edgewood Fraternal Order of Eagles #1801 in Somerset, Pa., donated $2,000 to the Acosta Volunteer Fire Department to help replenish hazardous materials response supplies.

-Lebanon, Pa., Eagles #472 donated $6,000 to the Lebanon Police Department. The donation from the Eagles will assist department in purchasing new items which do not fit into their existing budget.

-Somerset, Pa., Fraternal Order of Eagles #1801 made a $1,000 donation to the Somerset Area Ambulance Association.

Virginia

Piedmont Eagles #4420 delivered several bags of Christmas goods to the Pittsylvania School Board. Eagles members go out and shop for the kids each year, then bag up the gifts to be presented to area children in need.

Wisconsin

The Auxiliary of Merrill #584 presented a $1,000 grant to Cancer Services on January 23.

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the morning.

Hours later, we headed to a local grocery store, where approximately 10 area families were treated to $300 worth of groceries for the holiday season.

The following morning, we woke up in Clovis and headed over to the Wal-Mart for another wonderful day of giving back.

Upon walking in, we noticed a line which stretched from the front door to the back wall of the massive store. We quickly learned the line was made up of servicemen and women from the local Air Force base who had made the 6 a.m. trek to help assist Clovis' disadvantaged youth.

The response from these men and women was a sight to behold. Each paired up with their child and journeyed throughout the store picking out toys, clothing, movies and more.

I spent that morning traversing the store with a 10-year-old girl named Claudia. She was shy and lacked the assertiveness of the boy the day before, but she came armed with a clipboard which listed at least one item for each member of her family.

Her grandfather loved cookies, so she headed straight for the Chips Ahoy. Her aunt loved brownies, so she grabbed a nice little cast-iron skillet set with brownie mix. Soon the cart was filled with a movie for her sister, a puzzle for her brother, and more gifts for the family.

We spent the final 30 minutes of our trip running around the store in search for a mermaid tail blanket - the only item the girl actually wanted for herself. Finally, we found the blanket, checked out and helped her carry the items out to the bus.

With a maxed out budget of $150, our assigned child had only a $10 mermaid blanket for herself. The Clovis trip provided us with a real look at what this event means to these kids.

Claudia had expressed to us that if she didn't pick out at least one item for everyone, there was a chance they may not receive anything for Christmas - something she was determined to prevent from happening.

Throughout each year, I have the honor of taking many of the amazing fundraising stories passed along by our Aeries

and Auxiliaries and sharing them with the outside public and with our other members.

However, the opportunities to go out and be a part of these great events first hand are few and far between. To spend two days with the fine members of the state of New Mexico and watch as their year-long fundraising efforts pay off with great enthusiasm over the course of two fast-moving mornings was an experience I will never forget.

I encourage all of our members to consider putting on a similar event in December 2017 and help us make the holiday season brighter for children across the entire jurisdiction.

There's no better way to show your community what People Helping People is truly all about.

Fraternally,

Zack Timmons, Grand Aerie Marketing Director

CHILDREN'S DAY!

For more than a century, the Eagles has been an advocate for shaping the future of the world through our children. Each year, the Eagles' Children's Day contest asks Aeries and Auxiliaries across the United States and Canada to plan a special event or fund raiser to benefit youth for a chance to **WIN A $3,000 GRANT** from the Eagles' Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, to present to an organization of their choice. **All youth related events, including Christmas parties, Easter Egg hunts, school supply drives and more, are eligible to enter.**

Events occurring during the current Fraternal year are eligible for submission!

Contact the Grand Aerie marketing department for more information

How do we get started?

- Ask the Aerie & Auxiliary Presidents to appoint a chairperson along with a committee.
- Set a date. The event can fall anywhere between August 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017.
- Contact various agencies and inquire as to what type of programs they may offer, such agencies include: Department of Public Safety, local police department, fire department, chamber of commerce, Boy/Girl Scouts.
- Advertise the event as much as you can and get the word out, contact: Radio stations, television stations, newspapers, print flyers and distribute them at elementary schools, day care centers.

What kind of activities should we plan?

Photo ID sessions, finger printing program, fire & home safety, drug awareness program, drug abuse program, bicycle safety, gun safety, water safety, first aid education, use your imagination!

KEEP IN MIND:

Any event you hold during the year that benefits children qualifies for Children's Day! The above suggestions are based solely on previous years' participants.

What should I include in my packet to the Grand Aerie?

Take photos and let us know what your Aerie and Auxiliary Children's Day Program consisted of. Don't forget to include any newspaper articles.

Submissions must be in the hands of the Grand Aerie Marketing and Communications Department no later than June 16, 2017.

Submit what your Aerie/Auxiliary has done for Children's Day. One winner will be chosen at the Grand Aerie Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and will receive recognition.

The Grand Worthy President along with the Children's Day Committee will review all submissions. The Aerie/Auxiliary with the best program will receive:

Plaque to hang in your Aerie/Auxiliary

Recognition at the Grand Aerie Convention.

A $3,000 grant from the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund*

*Grant recipient must qualify under the regulations that govern our Eagle Charities.

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